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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BRUTUS - HAITIAN IMMIGRANTS  
IN CUBA AND US

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 2678

1. BRUTUS CONFIRMED SUBSTANCE REFTEL THAT AN ACCORD HAD BEEN REACHED WITH CUBA CONCERNING IMMEDIATE RETURN OF ILLEGAL HAITIAN ENTRANTS. BRUTUS SAID THERE WERE 386 HAITIANS READY FOR REPATRIATION. NOTE, THIS VARIES FROM THE 217 FIGURE IN REFTEL. BRUTUS CONTINUED THAT THE HAITIANS WOULD BE RETURNED BY PLANE AT A COST TO GOH OF ABOUT \$40,000

HE SAID THE AGREEMENT REPRESENTS A CHANGE OF POLICY BY CUBA AS BEFORE THEY WOULD GIVE HAITIANS ASSISTANCE AND THEN SEND THEM ON THEIR WAY NORTH. HOWEVER, HAITIANS BEGAN ARRIVING IN UNSEAWORTHY BOATS, EXPECTING THAT THE CUBANS WOULD REPAIR THEIR VESSELS OR PROVIDE THEM WITH NEW ONES. AS REPORTED REFTEL, THE ACCORD APPLIES ONLY TO NEWLY ARRIVED HAITIANS AND DOES NOT AFFECT HAITIANS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CUBA FOR SOME TIME.

2. I MENTIONED TO BRUTUS THE PROBLEM OF THE LARGE NUMBERS OF HAITIANS ARRIVING IN FLORIDA FROM THE BAHAMAS. BRUTUS SAID NO AGREEMENT HAS  
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BEEN REACHED WITH GOB ON THE STATUS OF THESE PERSONS. HE STATED THEY WERE ALL ECONOMIC REFUGEES AND SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED POLITICAL ASYLUM. I SAID I HOPED THEY WOULD BE SPEEDILY REPATRIATED TO HAITE AND BRUTUS CONCURRED.

3. COMMENT: BRUTUS DID NOT INDICATE ANY UNWILLINGNESS TO SEE THESE PERSONS REPATRIATED. HIS CONCERN IS MAINLY THAT THEY NOT BE TREATED A

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POLITICAL REFUGEES.  
JONES

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